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National Optical Fiber Network
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) details of progress made in implementation of National Optical Fiber Network (NOFN) in the country, State/UT-wise;
(b) details of facilities being provided to people under the said scheme; and
(c) time frame to cover all the Gram Panchayats under the scheme in Karnataka?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI NIHAL CHAND)

(a) National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) project, renamed as BharatNet, is being implemented by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to connect all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country through Optical Fibre Cable (OFC). The State/UT-wise progress of the project as stated by DoT is at Annexe.
(b) & (c): The scheme envisions provision of 100 Mbps bandwidth in all the 2.5 lakh (approx) GPs of the country to enable delivery of various e-services like birth and death certificates, issue of licenses, tele-education, tele-health, etc., at the Panchayat level. The State Government of Karnataka has informed that as on April 22, 2016, BharatNet has been commissioned in 2903 GPs in Karnataka and OFC laying has been completed for 4411 GPs.

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